

California's New Marine Protected Areas

California has created the first statewide system of marine protected areas in the United States. Covering 16% of state coastal waters, the new protected areas will conserve and restore ocean wildlife and habitats, while enhancing recreational, scientific and educational opportunities.

For more information, please visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa.



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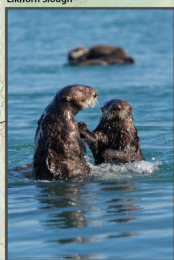


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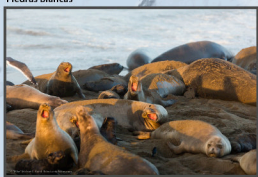


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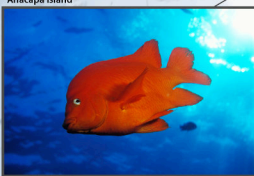


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- Marine Protected Areas**
- State/Federal Marine Reserve
no take allowed
 - No-Take State Marine Conservation Area
no take allowed
 - State/Federal Marine Conservation Area
some limited take allowed
 - State Marine Recreational Management Area
some limited take allowed
 - State Marine Park
some recreational take allowed, no commercial take allowed
 - California Maritime Limits
 - National Marine Sanctuary